

## **Kent Lawrence Mediation Biography (Short Form)**

Kent, a Chicago attorney and Member in the law firm of Lawrence, Kamin, Saunders & Uhlenhop LLC, has been in the private practice of law for over forty years. During his career he has, in particular and over an extended period of time, had a great deal of experience dealing with construction and securities matters. He has also, however, represented clients in a number of other fields, both in the resolution of disputes - through litigation, arbitration, and negotiation - and documentation of their transactions or arrangements. These clients have ranged from individuals (estate and tax planning, return preparation, probate and investments as well as dispute resolution) to businesses, large and small. Areas of business have varied and included, for example, binding, computer systems, construction, cosmetics, CD development, coin operated laundry machines, personal services, real estate, and securities and commodities.

Kent has been active in the ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) field for over thirty-five years and he has been appointed an arbitrator in over 80 cases. In more than 60 of those cases he participated in rendering awards. Those disputes were heard under the auspices of the AAA (since 1974), FINRA (f/k/a NASD) (from 1977 through 2005), NFA (since 1986), and CBOE (since 1975) involving securities and commodities, construction and general commercial subject matter. He has also represented clients in arbitrated disputes and mediated over 150 securities (commodity, option, etc.), employment (discrimination, harassment, termination, etc.), divorce fee and business disputes either directly or, more usually, under the auspices of the FINRA, NFA, AAA, NYSE, or CCR (Center for Conflict Resolution). Kent taught "Commercial Arbitration" at Northwestern University School of Law as an Adjunct Professor for 11 years (1982-93).

Kent is currently President of a small (14 unit) Homeowners Association, and has been a Director of two large Condominium Associations, one of 140 units (where he also served as Secretary) and one of 120 units (where he also serviced as Treasurer and President). He also is the President, and Executive Director, of a large (\$15 million) private grant making foundation, and has served as a Director of it for over 30 years.

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